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THIS Association now completes the Eighth year of its existence.—Another years' history of its members lives, of their acts and thoughts, their works done, and duties neglected, is on record for the judgment day. How devoutly humble every heart should be, as the long suffering, and goodness, and mercy of God, are brought to mind in these annual reviews. In the sight of Him, whose all-seeing eye searches into the hidden recesses of the heart, how deeply conscious must we be of unfaithfulness to Him and of neglect in His service.

The history of what has been done by the members of the Association, (apart from the City Mission work, in which comparatively few besides the Committee take an active part,) may be stated in few words.

The experience of other institutions in this city manifests the difficulty of maintaining efficiently any plan for the mutual improvement of young men. This Association is no exception to this rule.—Something has been done to attain the objects for which it was formed, but it has been done by a small minority of the members, and by its connection with the City Mission. But it must be regretted, that so very few have taken that part in its efforts, which their own interests, the interests of the Association, and also of the city, demand.

LECTURES.

The Course of Lectures delivered last Winter, was one of the best, and financially the most successful, we have had.

The following are the names of the gentlemen who kindly acceded to the invitation to lecture before the Association:—

1858.

Nov. 16.—REV. J. SHORT, D.D., Rector of Port Hope. Subject, "Popular Fallacies."

" 30.—REV. D. MARSH, Quebec. Subject, "The Awakening of Europe after the night of the Middle Ages."

Dec. 14.—Rev. R. A. Fyfe, D.D., Toronto, C.W. Subject, "Modern Spiritualism."

1859.

Jan. 4.—Professor Kingston, Victoria College. Subject, "Plurality of Worlds."

" 20.—Rev. John Jenkins, Philadelphia. Subject, "India."

Feb. 8.—Principal Dawson, McGill College. Subject, "Nature as represented in the Bible."

" 24.—Rev. Dr. Stinson. Subject, "The Influence of Mahommedanism on the Northern States of Africa."

March 8.— Rev. M. Y. Stark, Dundas, C. W. Subject, "Hugh Miller."

ROOMS.

During the past year these have been well occupied.

Besides furnishing an office for the Missionaries, they have been of great value to seamen and others who have made them a place of resort, where they have been supplied with useful books and periodicals to read, and materials for correspondence with their friends, an advantage of which many thankfully availed themselves.

The Military were also invited to avail themselves of these advantages, but the use made of them by them was inconsiderable. Before the departure of the 17th Regt., a sergeant called to return thanks on their behalf, and also for the interest taken in their religious welfare by one of the Missionaries.

Last winter, gratuitous instruction was given in them to young men, whose circumstances prevented them from seeking it elsewhere.

BIBLE CLASS.

This was resumed last winter, the time of meeting being changed to the morning, it did not prove successful, and was allowed to drop.

PRAYER-MEETINGS.

The daily morning Prayer-Meeting from 20 minutes past 8 to 5 minutes before 9 o'clock which was commenced on the 10th of March, 1858, has been continued to the present time. The attendance is small,

but the meeting is highly prized by the few who continue to sustain it. Last July, on the return of delegates from the Troy Convention of Young Men's Christian Associations, a Sabbath afternoon Prayer-meeting was commenced, which rapidly increased in numbers and and interest. The rooms have lately been uncomfortably crowded. The Tuesday evening Prayer-meeting has been resumed, but the attendance is small.

THE CONVENTION AT TROY.

The Convention of Young Men's Christian Associations held at Troy, in July, was the largest that has been held. Two delegates represented this Association as *Corresponding Members*. The topics discussed were so interesting, and the essays read so valuable, the whole presenting so many important suggestions respecting the working of Associations, and so well calculated to quicken and strengthen the interest of members, that it is hoped every member of this Association will obtain and carefully peruse the remarkably cheap Report of its proceedings.

THE YOUNG MEN'S "CHRISTIAN JOURNAL."

A Monthly Magazine of 32 pages, published by the Confederation, at the mere nominal subscription of 50 cents per annum—is worth five times that amount. Members of our Associations know too little of Associational work. The *Journal* will be found not only interesting for the information it contains, but valuable as a means for keeping alive an interest in our work.

At the present time there are on this continent about 200 Young Men's Christian Associations, the oldest of which is the Montreal Association. The objects of these Associations are, "the *religious* and *mental* improvement of their members, especially in connection with the study of the Scriptures—the union of young men, of various Churches in this and other plans of usefulness—and the providing of means by which young men, coming as strangers into the city, may be brought under religious influences." These objects have been constantly kept in view by this Association, and the only thing which prevents it being much more efficient is the neglect of personal duty on the part of the members.

MISCELLANEOUS.

During the year reports have been received from a number of Associations, and which are to be found on the table in the Rooms.

Several inquiries have also been received and answered, on matters connected with Associational work, or relative to the City Mission. Two Associations—at Pittsburg and Troy—have engaged in the City Mission work. In one instance an inquiry was made respecting a young man who had resided in this city for a short time, and then left, and who was a source of anxiety to a pious mother. Inquiries were made, and the desired information obtained and transmitted; it is hoped also, that the correspondence will be useful to the young man himself.

Last winter, the Association renewed its protest against the national desecration of the Lord's Day, by petitioning Parliament to enact a law for closing the Post Office, and St. Lawrence Canals on the Sabbath.

CITY MISSION.

This important agency for extending religious knowledge and Christian influence throughout the community has received a large share of attention. The best means for promoting its efficiency and extending its influence, have been carefully considered. This branch of our enterprise brings the Association into contact with numbers of young men, many of whom have been greatly benefitted. The Christian members of the Association, find in the mission prayer-meetings, a sphere for Christian activity, and a training for future usefulness.

Your Committee cannot report the success they desire, nevertheless, they gratefully acknowledge the large amount of blessing vouchsafed by the Lord, to the labors of your missionaries. A careful perusal of their journals, show the great importance and usefulness of this mission. The message of salvation has been carried from house to house. The missionaries have gone from bed to bed in the Hospital, and from ward to ward in the jail. The attention of seamen and boatmen, most of whom are young men, has been directed to the subject of personal religion. Efforts have been made to restrain them from vice, and to surround them with moral and Christian influences; adults have been induced to attend public worship, and children taken to the Sabbath School; cases of pressing want and great suffering have been relieved; the drunkard has become sober, and his home made peaceful and happy; the young man coming a stranger amongst us has been counselled and helped; young female immigrants have been taken from

the ship to the home of some Christian family, and thus very probably, saved from the sad fate and the prison home of many of their companion voyagers.

Victims of a fearful social evil have been induced to seek refuge in a reformatory, or, as in one instance, to return to her parents, to whom she had been lost for several years; the sick beds of both aged and young have been cheered by the visits of the missionaries, frequently the only Christian visitors there, and many a dying soul has been urged to flee to the only refuge for sinful men, some of whom gave the hope that they had "found Jesus."

But even had we no such results to refer to, it would be wrong to suppose the mission to be of no use. The constant presentation of Christian truth and counsel, in humble dependence upon the Divine blessing, must effect some good: whilst we point out some that has been done, no man can tell what evil has been prevented, through the agency of this mission. Certain it is, that in scattering the good seed of the Word, we have the Divine promise, "It shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* whereunto I sent it;" and further, in laboring for the Lord, we have the assurance "your labor shall not be in vain." As to what has been done, let the reports of the missionaries and the summary of missionary work bear witness.

At the close of 1858, Mr. Musgrove ceased his connection with this Association; and in March last the Tract and Book Society of this city communicated to your committee its wish to transfer its missionary, Mr. Mitchell, to this Association. After prayerful consideration the proposal was acceded to, and on the first of May, he commenced his labors as one of your missionaries, the Tract Society engaging to pay one half of his salary for one year.

MISSION SCHOOLS.

The Mission School in Mountain Street, under the superintendance of Mr. A. Milloy, has continued in operation throughout the year. The number of scholars is 50, average attendance 30. There are 5 teachers, who are punctual in attendance and faithful in their self-denying labors. Owing to the population frequently changing, a larger number of children are receiving benefit than the attendance would indicate. The School is indebted to its Superintendent for a new library of one hundred volumes.

A second School has recently been opened in Griffintown, which promises to be useful to a number of children who attend no Sabbath School. An interesting feature in connection with this School, is the formation of an adult class, which already numbers ten or twelve members. Mission Schools might be multiplied to a great extent, and the Christian Church should not rest satisfied until every child needing, and willing, to receive instruction is under training in Sabbath Schools.

Mr. Massey's efforts are directed mainly to seamen, young men, a few public Institutions, and the poor of Griffintown. In connection with his labors among the latter, a number of Christian women have formed an auxiliary to the mission, and are holding prayer meetings, on week day afternoons, chiefly among mothers who have few opportunities to attend public worship. Such meetings might be multiplied to a great extent.

Mr. Mitchell visits several public institutions, the dwellings of the poor in part of St. Joseph, St. Antoine and St. Lawrence Wards, and distributes Tracts on the Steamboats and at the Hotels.

The missionaries are constantly meeting with cases of great suffering, which demand immediate relief. Donations of money, cast-off clothing, and any other suitable gifts, will be applied as directed. Mr. Massey last year gave away $135.47, toward which he received $131.94. Mr. Mitchell gave away $11.65, and only received $4.

MISSIONARY SUMMARY FROM NOV. 1, 1858, TO NOV. 1, 1859.

Total number of Tracts and Religious Papers distributed, in various languages	43,829
Copies of the Scriptures Distributed	40
Books lent in Jail and to the Poor	72
Visits to Families and to the Sick	3,230
Visits to Jail, Hospital and other Institutions	236
" to Hotels for Tract distribution	227
" to Vessels and Boats	938
Bethel Services and Meetings among the Poor	200
Aggregate attendance	over 4000
Visits to Schools	38
Children sent to Sabbath Schools	30
Visits to Barracks (during summer)	18
Persons induced to sign the Pledge	18
Situations obtained	12

Young men aided..... 42
Number of cases where Relief was given..... 262

[*Some of these families were relieved from the National Benevolent Societies, many of them furnished with cast-off clothes, and others with fuel and provisions, according to their necessities.*]

Amount given to Poor.....$147.12
Amount received for Poor..... 135.94

Thanks are tendered to benevolent individuals for donations of money, clothing, fuel &c.; for the poor, to a lady who generously continues to defray the rent of a room in Griffintown for Mission purposes; to several gentlemen for kindly granting the use of rooms near the wharf for Bethel purposes; to the captains of steamers and ships for allowing Bethel Services to be held; to Mr. A. Adams and the Canada Sunday School Union for donations of books for the Mission Schools; to the Bible and Tract Societies for grants of Bibles and Tracts; and to Mr. Drummond, of Stirling, Scotland, for grants of Tracts.

No one can read the missionaries journals without being pained at the extent and growth of two fearful vices. The first, that social evil from which woman suffers the most and is pitied the least. The mere money cost of that crime to this city must be enormous. But the money cost is the least. When virtue and character and body and soul are sacrificed to this vice, and its polluting influence, is imperiling youth of both sexes, we earnestly entreat pastors and Christian men of experience to devise some plan for abating the evil.

The rapid increase and extent of intemperance is also greatly to be deplored. This evil stands in the way of every benevolent and Christian effort. When boys and girls are picked up in our streets, when Christian professors are dishonoring religion by intemperance, when scores of homes are made little hells upon earth through this vice, is it not time for every Christian to set his face against both the use and the sale of intoxicating drinks?

City mission work shows that human nature, without the influence of Christianity, is constantly tending downwards. Gross ignorance and practical heathenism are to be found under the very shadow of our church edifices. Numbers of persons are to be found, once attendants at public worship, who are now living, apparently, without a thought of God, or of a hereafter. In the carelessness and indifference of immortal beings around us, to their soul's best interests, we find a

reason for city missions. The streets and lanes of the city must be visited to compel sinners to come to the Gospel feast. Because people are careless, they must not be left to perish. The law of self-preservation too, demands that the ungodly and depraved should be evangelised. The neighborhoods in this city where vice and crime thrive, will, unless enlightened and purified by Christian truth, become the centres of a moral malaria, spreading desolation and death around.

This mission effort ought to be sustained, and it can, and will be.—Catholic in character, it seeks only to direct those whom it aims to influence, to "Jesus Christ and him crucified." It is an auxiliary to every Christian church. The mission committee must represent at least five denominations, whilst the character of the Association forbid everything like sectarianism. We are persuaded that the Christians of this city will not permit this mission to languish. The wants of the spiritually destitute must and will be supplied. Christian solicitude for the moral and religious welfare of boatmen and seamen, must be kept alive. The visitation of our jail, to rescue, if possible, some souls as brands from the burning must be continued. And all the means must be employed which wisdom and experience suggest to carry out the Redeemer's command, "go into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor, the maimed, and the halt, and the blind. * * * that my house may be filled."

FUNDS.

We rejoice to be able this year to report a balance of One Hundred Dollars in hand, the contributions toward the Mission during the past year having exceeded by $200 the income of the previous year. This we take to be a proof that the churches are becoming more alive to the importance of the City Mission work. We trust that the measure of success, which has, by the blessing of God, attended the efforts in the past, will stimulate to yet greater liberality, so that we may be able to increase the number of missionaries, until every corner of the city is the subject of missionary care. Let it be remembered that one-half of the city is at present entirely neglected in this respect, and much of the remainder is visited only occasionally. We thank God for the past, but let it stimulate to increased effort in the future.

The following extracts from the missionaries' journals will be read with

interest, as illustrating the great need of a City Mission, the encouragements, and also the difficulties and discouragements they continually meet with.

A SABBATH AMONG THE SEAMEN.

Visited all the vessels in port—14 in number—to converse with the sailors before they left the ships; gave them tracts and invited them to the Bethel services.

10½ A.M.—Preached on board a Steamer, the deck being crowded by an attentive audience. The 2nd officer said there were 150 persons present, besides others standing on the wharf within hearing distance. The singing was led by an officer of the ship. The Captain expressed his gratification at seeing such a service on his vessel, and at its being attended by so large a number of persons.

7 P.M.—Held a service in the Bethel room. There were about 30 sailors present, and a few other persons. At the close of the service we held a short prayer-meeting. Two of the sailors engaged in prayer.

AN INFIDEL SAILOR.

Had an interesting conversation in the forecastle of the F—— with a sailor who said he was once forced to attend church regularly for 3 years, but had never been in one since. He had been at our rooms, but could find nothing but religious papers and books. He said he only read such books as Paine and Voltaire. He had noticed that those Captains who professed to be religious on shore were the greatest tyrants at sea. I told him to be as impartial when judging of religion as he was in other things, to learn to distinguish between good coin and counterfeit, and contrasted the religion of Jesus Christ with the principles of Paine and Voltaire, shewing the advantages of the former over the latter in this life, and in death.

A PIOUS SAILOR

Told me that he was overjoyed yesterday when he heard the subject of discourse announced, as he had been speaking to one of the hands in the morning on the same subject—the love of Christ as manifested to great sinners in His dying moments. He said it was a blessed time to him, and hoped the meeting would do good to the seamen.

SABBATH DESECRATION.

Distributed tracts among the boatmen on the canal, accompanied by Mr. R. We had many opportunities for religious conversation. Some of them complained greatly about being forced to work on the Sabbath, washing and scrubbing, and preparing for Monday morning.

A MISSION MEETING.

Sabbath Evening.—Held a meeting in Mission School Room. A stormy night, but about 40 were present, nearly all from the poorer classes who do not attend any church. About 10 of them have lately signed the pledge, and for the present at least, are in a hopeful way of being reclaimed. They were

clean and tidy, and gave marked evidence of the advantages of sobriety, even for a short time. One young man and his wife remained after the meeting to sign the pledge. He had evidently been drinking recently; his hand trembled so much that although able to write, he asked me to write his name and then made his mark.

ANOTHER MEETING.

From 80 to 100 present, consisting of the poor, idle, and intemperate, with 10 or 12 who have recently signed the pledge, some of whom are in a very hopeful state.

Many of these persons confess that they had not attended a place of worship for years, until induced to attend the Mission Meeting. They listened to an address from Rev. Dr. T. with great attention. May the Gospel which was offered to them be indeed the power of God to their salvation.

CLOTHED AND IN HIS RIGHT MIND.

H—— having kept the pledge for several weeks, and regularly attended our meetings, was to-day furnished with an entire suit of second-hand clothes, which made him look quite another man. He was very thankful.

A BORROWED COAT.

G—— attended the Mission Meeting this evening. He said he was sorry he could not attend the adult class in Mission School, as the man who lent him a coat was out at that time and had it on.

THE HOSPITAL.

Several weeks ago Dr—— called my attention to a young woman in the Montreal General Hospital, who was evidently a very superior person. She has dropped quietly into the grave among strangers, with few to sympathize with her, save the missionaries, and Him who sticketh closer than a brother.

A HOPEFUL DEATH.

A young man who has attended the adult Bible Class in the Mission School, died to-day. He had manifested much interest in the class. During his illness, he appeared to have a clear view of the plan of salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ, and expressed his entire confidence in Him as his Saviour.

A VISIT TO THE JAIL.

Spent the forenoon at the Jail. Visited in nine wards and the prison Hospital. Conversed with the inmates, and distributed about 200 tracts and some religious newspapers received from friends for the purpose; they appeared very desirous to obtain them. One young woman remarked she was afraid I was not coming to-day. The prison arrangements are sadly defective, it being very difficult, if not impossible, to separate the hardened and abandoned from new comers who desire to forsake their evil ways.

HOUSES OF ILL FAME.

Returning from the Jail visited seven poor families in Quebec Suburbs; found

much spiritual destitution in this part of the city notwithstanding the presence of four or five Protestant places of worship.

An ex-policeman informed me that he knew of at least 45 houses of ill-fame between St. Denis Street and the Jail. An inmate of one of them told me that great numbers of young men frequent them, and particularly the one she was in. The keeper calls herself a Protestant. Two daughters pay her $12 per week each for their board. Ten or twelve were arrested by the police recently in one of these houses, and have been committed to prison. It was supposed that their fines would be paid for them immediately.

The Quebec Suburbs, in a City Mission view, is entirely unoccupied. There are a great number of Protestant families who are being lost for want of looking after.

INTEMPERANCE AND ITS CONSEQUENCES.

Visited a house occupied by four families, the men and women all drunkards, and living in a state of wretchedness and degradation beyond description. One of the families—a man and wife and two small children were formerly in comfortable circumstances, but I had lost sight of them for some time. I found them in a miserable garret, the lower part of the house being as filthy as a pigstye. Reached them by climbing a ladder and creeping through a hole in the floor. The youngest child was lying dead on a board, the whole scene presenting as much misery and degradation as sin and drink could produce. * * * * The man has since signed the pledge. The other three families were almost as wretched. Some of them were smoking and drinking when I called. I was glad to notice some sense of shame at being caught in the act; read a portion of Scripture to and prayed with them, and endeavored very plainly to show them the evil of their way of living.

Visited about a dozen families in Griffintown, some of them of the most wretched and depraved class. One whole family of six or seven were in bed, saying it was no use getting up to starve, as they had neither food nor fuel. All this has been brought on by drink. Induced several of them to sign the pledge. A lady has promised to send two of the eldest boys to service in the country, hoping to save them from the ruin which appears inevitable if they remain at home.

A young man, who has brought untold suffering upon his young wife and little ones, and was separated from them for a time, has signed the pledge, is now sober, and living with his family, and his home presents an air of comfort, which, I presume, it hardly ever did before. He is now attending our meetings, and is an attentive listener of the readings of God's Word, which is able to make him wise unto Salvation. I have given him a Bible and have furnished him with reading matter for himself and family. I think his case a hopeful one, and I shall not cease to pray until I see him walking in the fear of God and the comfort of the Holy Ghost.

There are three other cases of young men, who may be ranked among the

intelligent and educated classes, but who had gone far astray through evil company and strong drink, who have been rescued from the error of their ways through my instrumentality. From two of them I have received letters acknowledging their indebtedness, and thanking me for my efforts on their behalf.

Another case is that of a mother, who, with her husband, had been given much to habits of intemperance for several years to my knowledge. Although he is constantly getting high wages they have been always in deep poverty and dirt, and their children brought up in ignorance and rags. This mother has signed the pledge and two of her children are now attending our Mission Sabbath School.

EXTRACTS FROM MR. MASSEY'S REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE.

A person of gentlemanly bearing called at the rooms this morning to converse with me. He had arrived from England about three months previously, but could get nothing to do. He said he did not taste liquor for five weeks after his arrival, but being almost in despair, he was induced to take a glass, and had gone on drinking, until now he felt himself almost irretrievably lost. He showed me a letter he had just received from an affectionate wife who is still in England; it was beautifully written. He signed the pledge, apparently with an earnest desire to keep it, and promised to call again; wishes me to procure a situation for him if possible.

My visits to the City Institutions, have been, on the whole, more encouraging than in any former year, more especially the Jail, in this place and the Magdalene Asylum, we have had many pleasing indications that the inmates are not "past feeling." In the Jail, our papers and books generally have been received with thankfulness, and I believe, read with some attention, and my remarks and readings have often been listened to with deep interest. The prisoners have often assured me that they look forward to my visiting days with pleasure. Some of them preserve their tracts and papers until the expiration of the term of their imprisonment, and take them home to their friends.

Nearly all the prisoners acknowledge that drink, directly or indirectly was the cause of their imprisonment and ruin.

DOMICILIARY VISITATION.

In visiting, we generally find the people civil, with occasional exceptions. Many appear willing to hear the Word, and from the respectful manner in which they treat the missionary and listen to his remarks, one is tempted to regard them as Christians. But, alas! they give the Word little or no practical attention. Of late, there does appear to be more serious thoughtfulness about the things of eternity. Our meetings for prayer, are being well attended, many of them having been of the most solemn character.

During the year, the meetings held in my own district, have been attended by upwards of 3,000 persons.

A Ladies' Auxiliary to the Mission has been formed. Its object is to assist in visiting and relieving the poor during the winter season, and to promote their spiritual welfare, by holding meetings for reading the Scriptures and prayer, in their own houses on week-day afternoons, with special reference to the mothers of small children, who cannot attend public worship. This Auxiliary is already at work, and is doing good. A series of short practical Lectures are also being delivered to the working classes in Griffintown, by five City Ministers and myself.

THE POOR IN WINTER.

Upwards of two hundred persons and families were relieved during last winter. They were furnished with clothes, provisions and fuel, according to their necessities; and many were saved from almost the verge of starvation. Many friendless strangers, widows, and fatherless children were warmed, clothed and fed, through the generosity of Christian friends, many of whom being unknown to us, who according to the Scriptures, did not allow their left hand to know what their right hand did. The Lord will reward them, for he that giveth to the poor, lendeth to the Lord. Nearly all the cases of distress were investigated before relief was given

YOUNG MEN.

Young men have received a fair share of attention; especially those coming as strangers to the city. Some have brought introductory letters addressed to me; others had been recommended to call upon me, requesting me to interest myself in their behalf. They have been directed to suitable boarding houses, advised, aided with funds in several cases, and situations obtained for others, who are now doing well. One young man having met with an accident after his arrival in this country, assisted by a brother missionary, we took out a passage for him in one of the steamers, paid his fare, and sent him home to his friends in England. A letter has been received from him, expressing his thankfulness for our kindness on his behalf. To all young men, I have endeavoured to do good, but have not been able to devote the time to them which their importance, as a class, seems to demand.

SEAMEN.

During the shipping season, special attention was given to seamen. God has put this important class of the community in our hands. Bethel services have been held on Lord's Day, morning and evening, either on the deck of some vessel or in a Warehouse on the Wharf. Many of these services have been of the most solemn and delightful character. I have not met with the slightest interruption at any service during the whole season. They listen with great attention, and appear to enjoy the services. Yet, alas! but few of them are pious. There are, however, a few prayerful men among them; may the Lord hasten the time when the abundance of the sea shall be converted to Him. Either a Bethel building or a floating Bethel, is a *felt necessity*. The want of one greatly hinders our usefulness.

TEMPERANCE EFFORTS.

The advancement of the Temperance cause I have ever kept in view. Several who once occupied respectable positions in society, but had fallen through strong drink, have been reclaimed, and are now sober and industrious, and regularly attending the House of God.

Several young men have been induced to sign the pledge, on their arrival as strangers in the city, one of whom is now a popular and useful lecturer in Western Canada, and through his instrumentality upwards of 300 persons have signed the pledge.

EXTRACTS FROM MR. MITCHELL'S REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE.

TRACT DISTRIBUTION.

This has been carried on through every part of the City Mission work, especially in the Hotels, Steamboats, Military Barracks and General Hospital. They have been offered to all ranks and classes of people, many of whom received and read them, and in this way the Gospel has been set before many whom otherwise we could have had no access to.

THE HOTELS

Have been regularly visited every Lord's Day morning, and tracts put into the hands of all accessible travellers and boarders ; interesting conversation have sometimes been had with them, and direction given to the various places of worship. I have often seen the newspaper laid down and the tract taken up, and many who otherwise would have idly spent the Sabbath loitering in the Hotels, reading the Newspapers, smoking cigars, or worse still, drinking, have been stirred up to attend the house of God.

THE MONTREAL GENERAL HOSPITAL

Has also been regularly visited weekly, and sometimes oftener, when there were special cases. The patients have been read to and prayed with, and individually pointed to the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sins of the world. This is a very important part of our Missionary field, where we have met with many Roman Catholics and poor creatures who have had the Gospel set before them in few and simple words, which, perhaps, they had never heard before.

THE MAGDALENE ASYLUM

Has been regularly visited on the Lord's Day morning ; Services held, tracts distributed, and the inmates talked to, and prayed with, individually, as well as collectively, about the salvation of their souls ; and I have reason to hope that this labor has not been in vain in the Lord. Some of them, we hope, are already looking to Christ as their Saviour, and others, I trust, are anxiously inquiring the way to Zion.

THE LADIES' BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION

Has been visited nearly once a week ; the children cathechised and instructed from the Word of God; the Gospel preached to the aged; the sick and dying read to and prayed with, and religious tracts and other papers left for their perusal.

THE MILITARY BARRACKS

Have also been visited; tracts distributed to the soldiers on duty, sick in hospital, prisoners in the Guard Room, &c.

VISITS TO SICK AND FAMILIES.

I have been much encouraged in this part of my work, more so indeed than in any other, in as much as I have seen more immediately the fruits of my labors, especially in visiting the sick and dying; the aged, impotent and blind, who could not attend the house of God, have rejoiced to have the Gospel brought to their houses. Some who have passed away, I trust to meet again among the blood washed throng who shall sing the praise of redeeming love.

PRAYER-MEETINGS

Have been held every week, but, I am sorry to say, very poorly attended. I find it hard to get the people to meet in private houses, and, I believe, school rooms or other suitable places hired for the purpose, would be much better than private dwellings.

Various other matters might be mentioned, but these are the principal, and may suffice to show the necessity and importance of the work, together with the encouragement we have to go on, assured that though for the present we see little fruit, yet the good seed being sown, we have no doubt it will appear, though it should be after many days, to the glory of God in the salvation of immortal souls.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS

TO THE

CITY MISSION

FOR 1859.

Collected by F. E. Grafton.

Hon. R. Jones, St. Johns	$10 00
Geo. Wilkes	5 00
James Court	20 00
A. Walker	5 00
Wm. Stephens	5 00
J. Redpath	10 00
P. Redpath	5 00
L. H. Holton	5 00
Hon. Peter McGill	5 00
Henry Thomas	5 00
S. Greenshields, Son & Co.	10 00
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Cash	2 00
A Friend	2 00
J. Rattray	2 00
A. McGibbon	2 00
W. Murray	2 00
Cash	2 00
Robt. Anderson	5 00
J. & J. Miller	2 00
F. W. Torrance	4 00
J. Sterling	2 00
J. Brown	2 00
D. A. Poe	3 00
A. F. Holmes	2 00
Robt. Irwin	2 00
A. & J. Ferguson	2 00
J. Kingan	1 00
Geo. Robson	5 00
J. Robertson	2 00
W. E.	1 50
Friend	1 00
"	2 00
E. Gee	2 00
J. M.	2 00
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G. B.	5 00
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John Plimsol	10 00
W. D.	2 00
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R. J. Smith, M. D.	1 00
Dr. Reddy	1 00
Mrs. Aitken	1 50
W. C.	1 00
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Cash	2 00
Jno. Parslow	1 00
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Thank-offering	2 00
Clarke	1 00
J. C. Becket	5 00
Jas. Dakers	2 00
J. Hutchinson	2 00
R. S. Oliver	2 00
H. Morgan	1 50
M. Laing	1 00
W. Austin	1 00
Cash and sums under $1	9 00
	$215 50

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N. S. Whitney	$40 00
Ira Gould	20 00
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Benj. Lyman	20 00
Greene & Sons	20 00
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S. D. Childs	10 00
Geo. S. Brush	5 00
Mason Mills	5 00
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A Friend	5 00
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S. English	5 00
P. D. Brown	2 00
G. R. Prowse	2 00
Cash	2 00
Chas. Childs	5 00
M. H. Seymour	5 00
W. S. Childs	3 00
J. T.	2 00
Cash	1 00
G. Brush	3 00
W. P. Hayward	4 00
W. H. Atwater	2 00
B. B. Ruton	2 00
D. P. Janes	4 00
W. T. Davenport	1 00
J. B. Stevenson	2 00
Cash	1 00
C. E. Seymour	3 00
A Friend	10 00
A. Adams	2 00
J. DeWitt, jr. and friend	6 00
F. Hill	1 00
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Mrs. W. Lyman	1 00
J. C. Thomson	1 00
J. A. Bazin	2 00
Reed & Rayner	10 00
Hugh Thomson	2 00
E. F. Ames	5 00
L. W. Dorman	3 00
Jas. Haliday, 2 sub.	50 00
Cash	0 50
A Bible Class	5 00
	$433 50

Collected by P. W. Wood.

W. R. Hibbard	$40 00
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David Lewis	40 00
G. Winks	20 00
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Henry Lyman	20 00
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Mrs. H. Lyman	10 00
J. Dougall	10 00
Miss Smith	4 00
E. Wright	5 00
J. Carson	3 00
S. W. Abbott	5 00
R. Mills	5 00
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W. McDougall	5 00
W. McDonough	5 00
Mrs. C. Dunkin	4 00
S. Forster	4 00
Wm. Learmont	5 00
Hy. Vennor	5 00
Mr. Hird	2 70
J. Williamson	2 50
W. Moodie	5 00
R. Birks	2 00
G. Perry	2 00
Friend	2 00
A friend in country, per Dr. Wilkes	5 00
Wm. McGinnis	1 00
Dr. Wilkes	2 00
G. Wilson	1 00
R. Seath	2 00
	$447 20

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D. Torrance	10 00
Cash	5 00
J. Hardman	5 00
A Friend	3 00
R. Graham	3 00
Geo. Robson	5 00
T. M. Bryson	2 00
R. Campbell	2 00
Dr. Howard	2 00
R. Latham	2 00
J. McMillan	1 50
A Friend	1 50
J. Wilson	1 00
Cash—E. & Co.	2 00
A Friend	1 00
C.	1 00
B. D.	1 50

A Friend	1 50
W. Trigg	1 00
A Friend in Country	1 00
K.	1 00
	$62 00

Collected by James Knox.

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George Rogers	2 00
Warden King	2 00
David Brown	2 00
Johnston Thomson	2 00
W. D. McLaren	2 00
James Morice	2 00
Friends	2 00
A. Robertson	2 00
J. J. C. Abbott	2 00
W. W. Morrow	1 00
Mrs. D. McNevin	1 50
D. W.	1 00
Thomas Watson	1 00
James Norval	1 00
Robert Gardner	1 00
John Lewis	1 00
William Rutherford	1 00
J. Cassils	1 00
J. Thomson	1 00
James Morrison	1 00
David McKay	1 00
Alexander Kyle	1 00
John G. Sippell	1 00
J. W. Coleman	1 00
George Mochrie	1 00
Stephen Kyte	1 00
James Knox	1 00
Edward Coyle	1 00
W. W. Duffitt	1 00
G. F. L. S.	1 00
James Cochrane	0 50
James Maxwell	0 50
Archibald Maxwell	0 50
W. S. Walker	0 50
Geo. Bell	0 50
Cash—C. A. & Co	0 50
A Friend to the Cause	0 50
J. P.	0 50
Cash	3 75
	$50 75

Collected by the Treasurer.

W. C. Baynes	$5 00
Rev. M. W.	0 50
A Lady at Brampton	2 00
Joseph Leeming	10 00
J. Wenham	5 00
J. W. Howes	2 00
Thos. Leeming	16 00
G. M. Soule	5 00
Alex. Clerk	5 00
Mr. Ainsley	5 00
Lonsdale, Towner & Burritt	8 00
J. Lovell	5 45
	$68 95

THOMAS LEEMING, Treasurer, in account with the Montreal Young Men's Christian Association.

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To Nett Proceeds of Lectures		$ 69 92
" Members Subscriptions		92 00
" Proportion of Room expenses paid by Mission Fund		123 97
" Balance due Treasurer		48 82
		$334 71

Dr.

Paid Balance due Treasurer from last Report			$ 50 06
" Sundry Printing Accounts			36 70
" Rent of Rooms	$160 00		
" Postages, Cleaning and Repairs, Insurance, Wood, Gas, Stationery	87 95		247 95
			$334 71
Balance due Treasurer	$48 82		

MISSION FUND.

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Collections as per list received from Mr P. W. Wood		$447 20
" " " " G. W. Reid		433 50
" " " " F. E. Grafton		215 50
" " " " J. Knox		50 75
" " " " R. Hall		62 00
Nett proceeds of Annual Festival, including a donation of $10 through Mr. Grafton		38 83
Received from Tract Society, on account of Mr. Mitchell's salary		99 00
Received or collected by Treasurer		68 95
		$1415 73

Dr.

Paid Balance due Treasurer from last Report	$96 02
" On account of Missionaries Salary	1023 75
" Printing &c., and expenses of Prayer Meetings in Suburbs	61 90
" Proportion of Room expenses	123 97
Balance on hand of Treasurer,	110 09
	$1415 73

Balance brought down $110 09

Audited and found correct,

GEO. CHILDS,
J. G. BAYLIS.

APPENDIX.

RULES FOR GUIDANCE OF THE MISSIONARIES.

1. The great object to be kept in view is the conversion of souls, all other objects being subordinate to this one.

2. When persons are found who do not attend any place of worship, but who express a preference for a particular denomination, their names and address should be given to the Minister of that denomination, in order that they may be looked after. And if it is found that they are not looked after, they may together with those persons who have no denominational preferences, be introduced to the Pastor of any Evangelical Church, who will themselves look after them, or cause them to be looked after by the office-bearers of their Church.

3. Endeavour in accordance with the preceding rule to induce children to attend Sabbath School.

4. Aim in all possible ways to promote the comfort and health of the people you visit, by counsels to cleanliness and temperance, also the education of their children, and such other matters as may come under your observation.

5. Cultivate a friendly spirit with Missionaries acting for other Societies, or for Churches, and be careful to avoid coming into collision with any existing Society or Church.

6. Each Missionary should apply himself to the particular work appointed to him by the Mission Committee.

7. In domiciliary visiting, special care should be exercised on behalf of the destitute poor, and with prayerful endeavour to make every visit useful to them.

8. Report to Mission Committee any suitable locality and Rooms for Mission Schools, or small meetings among the poor.

9. It is advisable that the Mission Committee be consulted before asking persons to assist in the conducting of these meetings, except as regards Ministers and Members of the Committee of the Association. It is also advisable, that they be informed of invitations to occupy any of the City pulpits.

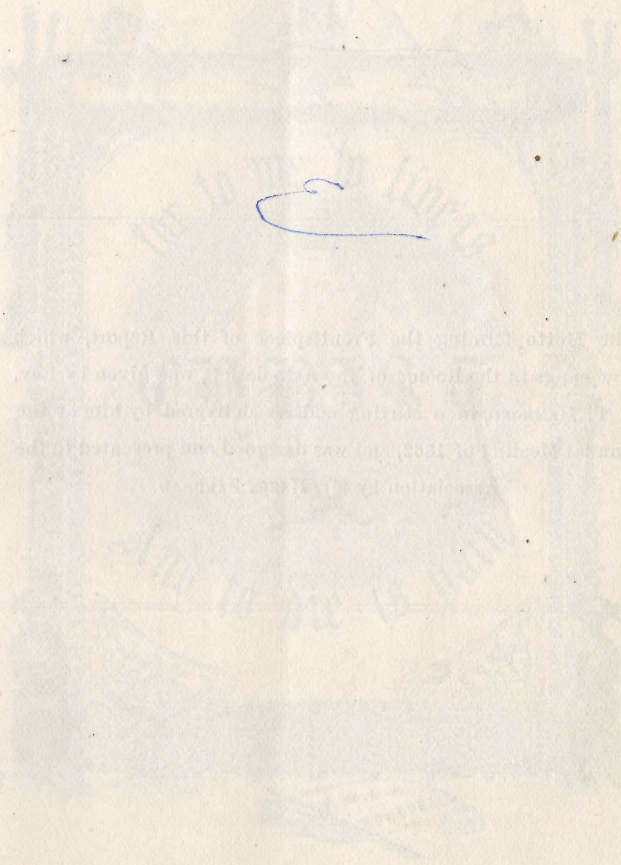
10. Each Missionary should record in his journal, the statistics of his labors, the meetings attended, and any interesting incidents that may occur, or any information which may be useful to him or the Committee, together with observations in regard to vices and evils, which may come under their notice. The journal being at all times open to the inspection of the Committee.

11. A concise monthly Report should be furnished, shortly previous to the regular monthly meeting of the General Committee.

12. It will be the duty of two of the members of the Mission Committee, to act in concert with each Missionary, aiding by their counsel in all suitable ways, and as far as possible assisting them in their particular work.

13. All denominational differences or controverted questions among Evangelical Christians should be avoided, and in the exercise of a Catholic spirit seek the things which make for peace, and the union of the people of God.

14. It is advisable that all moneys received by the Missionaries for benevolent purposes, should be entered in the journal, and also the use to which they are applied, and the names of persons assisted.



The Motto forming the Frontispiece of this Report, which now hangs in the Rooms of the Association, was given by Rev. E. P. Hammond, in a stirring address delivered by him at the Annual Meeting of 1862, and was designed and presented to the Association by Mr. Henry Sandham.

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